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Friday morning, October 17<sup>th</sup>, committee meeting convened at the direction and guidance of State Commander Curtis Rust, The SEC meeting was called to order by Commander Rust at noon, Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Commander Rust announced that our Secretary, Glenda McCuiston, will be retained status quo for another 1 ½ years until a replacement is found and trained.

A new \$1000 grand called the "Veterans Project Grant" has been introduced and presented to all post statewide by the State Service Foundation.

Due to the continuing investigation and litigation the suspension of Post 7 has been extended for another 12 months.

State Service Foundation Secretary Bill Kilgore reported that our Welcome Memorial Project was started in 1996. These Welcome Memorials can be seen at every welcome center upon entering Tennessee. Secretary Kilgore announced that there will be a new Welcome Memorial dedication ceremony in N.E. Tennessee at the Welcome Center on Hwy 26 (Kingsport) sometime in the spring of 2015. The date and time will be announced later.

Ken Milligan, our VAVS representative for the VA campus in Murfreesboro held a fundraiser/cookout. Ken reported fun was had by all and declared the fundraiser a success.

AMVETS National District III commander Cliff Fitzsimmons announced the National District III meeting will be held February 6-7, 2015 in Knoxville, Tennessee at the Days Inn located at 5335 Central Ave. Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee 37912. Contact number for the event is 865-687-5800. Meeting time is at 10am in the hotel meeting room.

The spring SEC meeting will be held March 13-14<sup>th</sup> at Paris Landing State Park Hotel and Post 45.

The state convention will be held June 11-15<sup>th</sup> at Paris Landing State Park Hotel and Post 45.

George Martin, Representing;  
State Commander Curtis Rust  
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